

Hillsboro Sustainability Task Force

Meeting Notes – Meeting #4: Finalize Energy Focus Area, Begin Resource Conservation

(11-20-13)

Mission Review

- Ted re-established overall mission and progress to date, as well as link and overview of update to Hillsboro 2020 (Hillsboro 2035). Looking for community input on the Vision over the next year (submit your priorities for the future at hillsboro2030.org). Reminded team that this endeavor is complex and will take time to get right; but pleased with considerable progress thus far.

Energy indicators refinements

- Retool of state reach code in process
- Bldg inspectors should expect to look at energy performance score
- Suggest we include project or indicator for energy performance score and involve Building inspectors
- Per PGE, we should have data on % of ICI's participating in energy efficiency, and actually also energy performance by sector and even business
- We will look to develop better indicator as data and varying types of industrial/commercial operations emerge. Need to also normalize the indicator. List as project/objective

Planning for Resource Conservation focus area

- Beginning with goals and intro on initial indicators
- Rich Hunter gave overview of new data sources, planning and programming that will be useful to our efforts
- Tree canopy: challenge that it is lagging indicator. Should use data that is reasonably repeatable, the new dataset related to the Regional Conservation Strategy may be updated every 5 years. Should be good since it does not change rapidly
- Discussion about making canopy a target of # of trees planted; group determined that mature trees are important, so let's keep 2 indicators, group determined that canopy is more general and better indicator and planting and preservation of mature trees are either targets or strategies within canopy
- Look at statewide planning goals (goal 5) to be sure it's not incompatible
- Stream miles: need to include segment upgrades as part of indicator
- Acres preserved, etc: significance is important, as well as somehow identifying that we are talking about habitat that is managed for habitat or a specific habitat purpose, not just any acres
- Should split acres preserved and restored into separate indicators
- Also include efforts in private areas, such as backyard conservation programs (maybe indicator 12)
- Water quantity and quality: challenges include that it is lagging indicator by nature, impacts happen over longer term; there is potential to create a blended indicator of quality and quantity
- We will table water indicator for further discussion at next meeting
- Presence of indicator species: JB wetlands and others have great data for JB Wetlands. Other areas also have or could have species data. Consider putting under acres preserved indicator as a target
- Peter to follow up with Rich Hunter re ideas for refining habitat, stream/water indicators

Project Corner – Energy selection criteria and projects

- “Project Corner” to be regular agenda item for Task Force
- Presented and discussed evaluation/selection criteria for energy projects
- Discussed the potential energy projects and ranked them high/med/low for categories
- Initial ranked list will be brought back to the group for further discussion and selection